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Federal Election Commission
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Re: MUR 4836

Dear Mr. Turley:

We are in receipt of your letter of October 30, 1998 regarding the above-captioned matter. Please consider this letter to be our joint response to your correspondence.

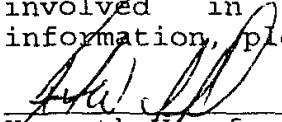
Each of us did, in fact, donate to the campaign of Mr. Stenberg for the U.S. Senate. The fact that we chose to do so had nothing whatsoever to do with the business of Thousand Adventures, Inc. Mr. Stenberg had a reputation as a conservative Republican and we believed in his philosophy of government. Although neither of us has any recollection of the circumstances surrounding the timing of our donations, it is certainly possible that we gave our checks to David or Barbara Vopnford to mail in with their checks.

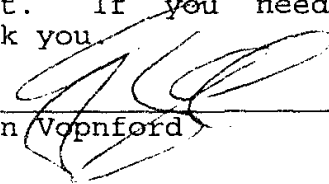
In 1995, our combined income was in excess of Accordingly, it was well within our economic circumstances to make the donations (which, by the way, were made from our personal checking accounts). It was and is our belief that we were free to make contributions to those candidates we chose to support, subject only to the limitations of the law on the amounts of these contributions.

We find the allegation that our contributions were made as an attempt to "buy" influence with the Office of the Nebraska Attorney General to be personally offensive. In fact, if that had been our motive, we would have seriously considered not making a contribution to his Senate campaign. Obviously, if the campaign had been successful, Mr. Stenberg would no longer have been Attorney General. In addition, any contributions made for the purpose of "buying" influence would have been better spent outside the State of Nebraska.

Thousand Adventures, Inc. and its subsidiaries owned and operated 59 private membership properties, only one of which was located in the State of Nebraska. Most of the complaints which Thousand Adventures received from various regulatory agencies dealt with consumer complaints regarding the sale of memberships. Virtually none of these sales were conducted within the state of Nebraska during and after 1995. The attorney who represented Thousand Adventures at the time has informed us that most of the complaints which were forwarded to the Office of the Nebraska Attorney General were essentially duplicates of complaints filed in other states. In those cases, copies of the correspondence were furnished to the Nebraska Attorney General, but were ultimately resolved in dealings with officials from the state from which the complaints originated.

Lastly, we are aware of the fact that the Omaha World-Herald has run a number of stories which attempted to establish some link between our contributions and the Office of the Nebraska Attorney General. We can assure you that this supposed link came as news to us as we were not involved in any such effort. If you need further information, please advise. Thank you.


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